Involvement of IAS officers in UPSC fraud

3181. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item, published in the Sunday Observer dated the 28th September, 1986 regarding I.A.S. officers involved in UPSC fraud and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that such persons received support and protection from senior IAS officers serving in critical positions in Government; and

(c) whether IAS and other all India services is likely to be abolished as these have created a new Caste System?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) So far any involvement of I.A.S. officers in the socalled 'U.P.S.C. fraud' has not come to the notice of the Government.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Political killing in Assam

3182. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whetther Government are aware of a spate of political killings in Assam recently;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of such killings during January—October, this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) According to available information, the following murders of political leaders workers have taken place in Assam during January 1986 to October, 1986;

(i) On January 21, the daughter and wife of a (Congress-I) supporter were stabbed to death by a mob at Nazira (Distt. Sibsagar).

(ii) On February 19, 1986, Shri Tan-Keswar Dihingra, ex-Minister (Cong-I) was shot dead by two miscreants at Sibsagar town (Distt-Sibsagar)

(iii) On 23rd April, 1986, Shri Mantosh Das, Executive Committee Member of DCC(I), Dibrugarh and ex-Chairman of Dibrugarh Municipal Board was killed at Dibrugarh in an explosion of a time bomb fitted in his car.

(iv) On August 29, Shri Debjit Dhar Choudhary, a Cong-I leader and ex-Chairman of Golaghat Mahkuma parishad was shot dead at Golaghat (Distt. Jorhat).

(v) On September 17, Shri Kalipada Sen, President, United Minorities Front was shot dead at his residence at Gauhati (Kamrup).

Extremists' involvement is suspected in the incidents mentioned at (ii) to (v).

Projects behind the schedule

3183. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1041 given in the Rajya Sabha on 31st July, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 140 projects under 14 Ministries are lagging behind the schedule;

(b) if so, what particular steps are being taken to commission them within the anticipated time schedule;

(c) whether it is a fact that out of 140 projects, 21 are scheduled to be commissioned in 1986, as per the re-scheduled time-frame; and

(d) what is the number of projects which have been commissioned till date and how many are likely to be commissioned during the current year?